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This contains references to covert
collection of intelligence which were
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

STAT The Director of Central Intelligence appeared before the Senate Armed Services Committee at 1000 hours this morning, in support of Section 202 of the National Security Act of 1947, (S. 758). He was accompanied by Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter, [redacted] and Mr. Walter L. Pforzheimer. The following members of the Committee were present: Chairman Gurney and Senators Bridges, Robertson, Wilson, Saltonstall, Baldwin, Morse, Hill, Byrd, and Maybank. STAT

The Director's prepared statement was inserted into the record and he commenced by reading page 5 thereof. The rest of the period was given over to questions, substantially as follows:

1. What is the Director's belief as to the necessity for Section 202 of the bill?
2. Can a civilian be appointed as Director?
3. Has CIG taken over the duties of OSS?
4. In reference to #1 on Page 5 of the text, what does CIG collect and what do the State, War and Navy Department intelligence services collect?
5. Where should CIG be placed in the bill?
6. Why can't we act under a simple Executive Order?
7. What are the benefits you will get, besides stability, from the law?
8. There are direct lines from the CIG through the Security Council to the President. Are there no direct lines to the Secretary of National Defense?
9. If the bill does not become law, do you advocate that a National Security Council be established?
10. Why should there be intelligence received from 23 different agencies?

In addition, Senator Bridges cited an article from the Paris France-Soir regarding Admiral Hillenkoetter which he considered quite unfavorable and which had created an unfortunate feeling in his mind regarding the Admiral. The Admiral stated that he had given out no such interview and that he presumed that the information had been forwarded to Paris by the French naval attache. Senator Bridges then withdrew his "prejudice."